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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: MOSING, DONALD E. §
APPLICATION No.: 10/027,502 §
FILED: NOVEMBER 27, 2001 §
FOR: SLIP GROOVE GRIPPING DIE §

GROUP No.: 3679

EXAMINER: FLANDRO, RYAN M.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM E. JOHNSON, JR.

I, William E. Johnson, Jr., upon being duly sworn, do aver that:

I am a male attorney, licensed to practice law in the State of Texas and in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Reg. No. 22,719), above the age of 21 years, residing in Harris County, Texas, and employed with the law firm of Matthews, Lawson, Bowick & Al-Azem, PLLC, located at 2000 Bering Drive, Suite 700, Houston, Texas, 77057;

I am not aware of any circumstances which would disqualify me or which would hinder or prevent my being able to make this sworn statement;

I have been involved in the filing, prosecution and maintenance of patents, both U.S. and foreign, since 1962, including responsibilities as a partner in the Browning Bushman Patent Law Firm in Houston for twelve (12) years and as a partner with the patent firm, Matthews, Lawson, Bowick & Al-Azem, PLLC, and as being the Chief Patent Counsel for large firms listed on the NY Stock Exchange, and typically have had responsibility for supervising six to ten patent

lawyers in all respects of their individual responsibilities.

I have been with Matthews, Lawson, Bowick & Al-Azem, PLLC, since February 16, 1999 to the present, and I am in charge of the patent and trademark prosecution section of the Matthews, Lawson, Bowick & Al-Azem firm;

Among the responsibilities I have with Matthews, Lawson, Bowick & Al-Azem, PLLC, is the responsibility for overseeing and counseling our clients regarding their Intellectual Property portfolios;

Frank's Casing Crew and Rental Tools, Inc. ("Frank's"), the assignee of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/027,502, which is the subject matter of this Affidavit, has been a client of Matthews, Lawson, Bowick & Al-Azem, PLLC, for approximately twenty (20) years;

Moreover, this Petition to Revive was filed promptly after it was learned by our firm that U.S. Patent Application 10/027,502 had become abandoned.

U.S. Patent Application 10/027,502 was originally filed by John D. Jeter, a patent agent working out of his house in St. Martinville, Louisiana. Mr. Jeter, because of his advanced years and the extremely poor health of his wife, has not been able to maintain his docket, and has simply not been able to meet his deadlines. This was true even through the vast majority of the patent work of Frank's, also located in Louisiana, was already being handled by our firm.

It was only as a result of the decision made by Frank's to transfer each of the files being

handled by Mr. Jeter to our firm, that we learned of the abandonment of U.S. Application No. 10/027,502. Our Petition to Revive the '502 application was then immediately filed with the USPTO on January 21, 2005, less than one (1) year following the date of abandonment dated January 26, 2004.

I have personal knowledge of each and all of the facts above set forth.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

July 26, 2005
Date

William E. Johnson, Jr.
William E. Johnson, Jr.

NOTARIAL CERTIFICATION

On this 26th day of July, 2005, personally appeared William E. Johnson, Jr., known to me and who being duly sworn, did execute the foregoing instrument for the reasons set forth therein.

7/26/05
Date

Lauren E. Rogers

